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Extending the ESA Pilot Program

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ESA Pilot Agreement

Efficiency Vermont, ACCD, and Department of Public Service propose the following conditions for extension of ESA pilot beyond June 30, 2022:

1. Agree to 18 month extension of pilot for all participants; participants may opt out of automatic extension by written notice to the Commission at end of June '22, and return to full service EEU activities while accrued projects are completed.
2. Agree to establish working group under the leadership of the Department to convene ESA and ESA Pilot participants with Efficiency Vermont and ACCD, for purpose of developing and recommending changes to permanent ESA program by no later than January '23; goal is to have updated ESA rules and structure in place by January '24.

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3. Department shall complete review and verification of ESA Pilot projects committed through June '22 and provide information to PUC for their evaluation (no change). Recommend that the PUC complete their evaluation and report to the legislature in January '23 as currently scheduled.
4. Agree that any ESA Pilot participant should be allowed to request from PUC, and PUC shall consider and approve all reasonable requests, for continuation of ESA Pilot participation under the existing terms and conditions through no later than December 2026. This waiver may not be continued in perpetuity; waivers may only be issued by the PUC for individual participants and not the entire group of participants.

Questions?



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